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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1877.

LOCAL OPTION WAS DEFEATED IN HEMPESTEAD COUNTY BY A SMALL MAJORITY. On occasion yet to get a physician's certificate in that county in order to get a glass of something warming and soothing.

MOONEY, a clerk in the depot at Hempstead, and instantly killed August 18th instant. At the time he shot and mortally wounded Harry Clappart. He did not learn the cause of the difficulty. Mooney surrendered to the authorities.

GRANT, a clerk in the depot at Hempstead, was "appeal from Grant Grant sober," as was reported by parties interested in the case. Philip sobered up. They say Grant was in that sort of mood when he sticks to old "Robinson county," as persistent as the Potomac.

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IS FEELING AT A DISCOUNT OR PREMIUM AT FAIR BLUFF, NORTH CAROLINA, THE 19th inst., a couple of sable gentlemen of South Carolina, fought a duel. They really meant business and blood. No sham with them. They interchanged four shots, and one of the parties was wounded three times, dangerously. The other party was wounded in the right arm. They demonstrated that they possessed the pluck. Who will dare say now, that the darkey is advancing in the more refined elements of civilization?

THE DAILY GALVESTONIAN.—This new candidate for popular favor, made its first appearance in the Island city last Friday morning. It is a morning paper, containing the associated press dispatches, as well as telegrams of interest from all the important points in the State, not embraced in the associated dispatches. The Galvestonian is a handsome sheet, and under the administration of its racy proprietor and editor, Major D. E. McGary, is destined to win a high place in popular favor.

The report of the joint committee of the two houses of Congress to provide for the counting of the electoral vote, has at last been made. The report was unanimous, with one solitary exception, and that exception, O. P. Morton, goes far to strengthen the belief that the bill is fair, and breaks up the nice little job that he and Chandler and their co-workers in fraud, had conceived, of counting in Hayes, by the aid of corrupt and profligate returning boards. Senator Morton is one of those unscrupulous politicians who is entirely innocent of favoring anything that could be construed into fair dealing with a question involving the interest of his party. His opposition to the measure, is not a had recommendation to the bill, as reported by the committee, the passage of which is now scarcely questionable. Mr. Morton may swallow his chagrin as best he can, and digest his malignant venom in solitary grandeur. There is no considerable number of even his own party, who will persist in trying to give the count of the electoral vote, a purely partisan bias, regardless of law, right, justice and the constitution.

HON. MR. JULIAN, member of Congress, made a masterly speech at Indianapolis, the 8th instant, before a convention of the people of Indiana. It was an eloquent appeal for the preservation of the constitution, and an unanswerable vindication of the right of Tilden and Hendricks to the seats to which they have been unmistakably elected by the voice of American freemen. Alluding to those who would subvert the constitution, by insisting into the office of President a man clearly not elected, he thus concludes: "Let them be warned in season by every lover of regulated liberty that millions of men will be found ready to offer their lives as hostages to the sacredness of the ballot, as the palladium of our liberty. Whoever hath the gift of tongues, let him use it; whoever can wield the pen of a ready writer, let him dip it in the inkhorn; whoever hath a sword, let him gird it on for the crisis demands our highest exertions, physical and moral."

ELECTORAL VOTE OF FLORIDA.—By reference to our telegrams in this morning's BANNER, it will be seen that the Canvassing Board of Florida, in obedience to an act of the Legislature of that State, on counting the returns found to be regular and legal, gave the electoral vote of the Flower State to Tilden and Hendricks by 94 majority. This ought to settle the question, and we suppose will. Logan of the Senate and Chandler of the Cabinet, will rave and tunc, but in the end, these vipers politicians will find they have been biting flies, bartering their own fangs, and nothing else.

THOSE little bribery operations of the Hon. Wm. Pitt Kellogg in New Orleans are to be investigated by the Grand Jury of Orleans parish, and it is hoped that he may be dealt with to the full extent of the law, in such cases made and provided. He is charged with bargaining with Representatives at \$250 a vote and with Senators (God save the work) at \$1000 a vote. Hoop him up; he richly deserves it.

HOAR has been elected to the U. S. Senate from Massachusetts, after numerous ballotings. Logan has not yet been elected from Illinois, and it is to be hoped he will not be. Anybody to beat Logan, Palmer is his most formidable competitor.

JOHN DAVIS stabbed Henry Dixon in the breast with a knife near Hearne last Thursday, killing him almost instantly. Davis eloped and has not been heard from since.

THE Capital Theatre has been closed by legal means at Austin. What will the papers of that city do for locals now?

Houston has a fire company composed entirely of colored men.

Our northern exchanges are full of accounts of destitution among the people of that section. In the city of New York, there are fifty thousand working men and women out of employment. The same number are in the same condition in Chicago, and of course the smaller cities and towns have their due proportion of destitute men and women willing to work but unable to find employment.

WASHINGTON TALK.—On Sunday the Administration was a "little off"—so badly off, in fact, that Brother O'ville, who visited the White House on family business, came away and told his friends that the President was in one of those moods in which it was no use to talk to him. It seems that Morton, Sherman, Surgeant, Don Cameron and others of the conspirators in the Senate and Cabinet, took advantage of the President's unfortunate condition, and indeed him to send the telegram to General Angus.

THE poor, oppressed female clerks of Washington are thus mentioned in a recent letter: "In the departments the clerks work in the forenoon during the holidays, and the afternoon the streets present a gray and animated appearance, for the young ladies are out, arrayed more gorgeously than Solomon or the bilies, in bewitching pullbacks, ronge, pearl powder, dark eye-brows and under-looked eyelashes, bent, like Tamerlane, on conquest."

JOHN H. Houghton, who resides in Falls county, Texas, has instituted suit in the Sixth District Court for the parish of Orleans against Stephen B. Packard, formerly U. S. Marshal, who at present "lodges at the St. Louis Hotel." Plaintiff alleges that said Packard owes him \$177.50 for services rendered as keeper of a steamboat at Shreveport, La., at the rate of \$5 a day.—N. O. Picayune.

A special from Washington says that Hon. Wm. A. Wheeler visited President Grant on the 15th, at the solicitation of Senator Conkling, and urged the President to take no steps in the Louisiana matter until the Congressional committees make their reports. Mr. Wheeler having come direct from an interview with Governor Hayes gives some particular interest to his present attitude.

MR. E. M. HAYNER, of Galveston, and Miss SALLIE SAXFORD, of Austin county, were married last Thursday evening, at the residence of Dr. G. W. Foster, at Nelsonville, by the Rev. Mr. Backingham.

THERE was a fifteen thousand dollar fire at Denton on the 15th inst., consuming the South side of the public square, including the Monitor printing establishment.

A colored man named Bill Walker was tried at Calvert last week on a charge of murder, convicted and is to pay the death penalty for the deed.

THE author of "Hold the Fort" and other popular songs, Mr. P. P. Bliss, was among those killed by the Ashabada.

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It is true newspaper editors work pretty much as a rule, they don't do anything but what is good for them, and they have no excuse for doing things they ought not to do because of their worry. Another Talmage says that editors write and publish bad things because the public taste is unhealthful, and they must give the readers what they wish. If they do this they deserve to be held up to reprobation by all preachers and moralists. That people have vices is no palliation of the offense of those who publish them. But the business of newspapers is to report facts, and sometimes facts reveal the depravity of human nature as well as its virtues. It is not the function of an editor to make facts or to ignore them. He must take them as they are, and in their publication whatever merely tends to provoke immorality or to gratify a morbid appetite, a minister may easily preach against wickedness in such a way as to stimulate enmity regarding it and to inflame the desire to commit it. Sensational ministers have been known to do that very thing in their eagerness to attract hearers. This is bad in a minister, as in an editor.

Brother Talmage says the responsibility of what an editor publishes is divided between him and his readers. We ask no such division. If the paper is evil, it is the editor who is at fault. He has no business to publish what is unfit to read. No, let the preachers offer no palliations for the offenses of the editors. Editors have a great responsibility, and they ought to bear it themselves.

It was asserted to-day by one of Grant's stoung, steadfast friends, that, as he has but six weeks further of power, he is utterly indifferent to his opinions as his enemies in the House may form of him. He means to act with vigor as decisive as that which brought about the surrender of Appomattox, and he means to deal with the incipient rebels of 1877 as sternly as the full fledged rebels of 1865. The person responsible for this information further states that Grant asserted that whoever wondered at this would have still more to wonder at before they were many days older.

Extra Billy Smith, Virginia's war governor, and a celebrated anti-bellum politician, is now member of the State legislature. Although seventy-six years of age, he is robust in general health and vigorous in mind as he was twenty years ago. His inclination to talk is irresistible, and usually he talks well. He keeps abreast of the times as to subjects of thought, though his ideas as to the treatment of the subjects are occasionally antiquarian. The old gentleman's photograph graces the editorial rooms of the Herald.—Dallas Herald.

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